

## **Area IV Constitution**

(As revised at the 2000 Delegate's Meeting)

### **Article 1. Name and Purpose**

Section A. The name shall be Area IV, *National FFA Organization*, Northeast Missouri District. The word Area IV FFA may be used to designate the association, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B. The aim of this Association shall be as follows:

1. The aim and purpose of the *National FFA Organization* as set forth in the official manual of the *National FFA Organization*.
2. To provide an opportunity for further training in special areas of the Program of Activities.
3. To cooperate in any way with local chapters, state association, teacher organization, or any other group upon request.
4. To increase leadership ability of members and to increase potential state leaders for our area.

### **Article 2. Organization**

Section A. Membership in this area will consist of members from the schools of the area with Agricultural Education programs and FFA Chapters.

Section B. The area assembly will be made of:

1. The area officers.
2. Each chapter shall be limited to a maximum of three voting representatives at an area assembly including both delegates and area officers.
3. Area officers, *except* the president may be voting delegates *in addition* to their two chapter delegates.

### **Article 3. Membership**

Section A. Membership in this association shall be of two kinds: (1) Active and (2) Honorary as defined by the Constitution of the *National FFA Organization*.

Section B. The regular work of this association shall be carried on by the active membership of Area IV.

Section C. Honorary membership in this association shall be limited to the honorary members chosen by the area association.

### **Article 4. Emblems**

Section A. The official FFA emblem shall be the official emblem for this

association.

Section B. The association shall use the official FFA paraphernalia.

**Article 5. Officers**

Section A. The officers of this association shall be as follows:  
President, Constitutional and Program of Activities Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Chaplain, Parliamentarian and Advisory Committee, which consists of the Advisors of the President and Secretary.

Section B. 1. Hold the degree of Chapter FFA Degree.

1. Shall be in high school at the time of service.

2. Appear before the interviewing committee, consisting of the officers retiring from the Area IV Executive Committee permanently.

3. Each school may have two persons interviewed for an area office and two may be selected.

4. Any or all persons running for an Area IV Office may also hold an office within their respective chapter during their year of service as an Area IV Officer.

Section C. The Area IV Officers shall be the Executive Committee. The committees shall have full power to act as necessary for the association in accordance to its directions.

Section D. Honorary members shall not vote or hold any officer other than advisor.

Section E. The duties of the officers shall be as stated in the official manual of the *National FFA Organization* and the following:

1. The Constitutional Vice President's duties shall be:
  - a. To preside in the absence of the president
  - b. To perform official ceremonies.
2. Program of Activities Vice President duties shall be:
  - a. Serve as chairman of the Program of Activities.
  - b. To assist the President in directing the work of the association.
  - c. In absence of the Constitutional Vice President, will assume the duties of the Constitutional Vice President as set forth in Article 5, Section E of this constitution.

3. The Parliamentarian's duties shall be:
  - a. Assist the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary law.
  - b. Should have copy and be familiar with Robert
4. Duties of Chaplain:
  - a. Promote cooperative spirit among FFA members.
  - b. Give invocation at annual banquet.

Section F. Area IV Officers shall be required to attend all regular, special and executive meetings of the Area IV Association unless previous notification of valid reasoning is given to the advisory committee. The officers who were absent without sufficient reason shall be relieved of their duties as officers of the Area IV Association of the *National FFA Organization*.

#### **Article 6. Meetings**

- Section A. There shall be regular meetings every October. The Executive Committee will set up the meeting schedule for the year to coincide with the meetings of the Advisor's organization.
- Section B. Special meetings may be called by the area Executive Committee.
- Section C. A quorum must be present to conduct an official meeting or take any action. A quorum shall exist of a simple majority of delegate's on the secretary's role.

#### **Article 7. Dues**

- Section A. A majority of the voting body of this association present at a regular or special meeting shall establish the dues.
- Section B. Annual dues shall be paid by March 1 of each year.
- Section C. Dues shall be used to meet the annual expenses of the association.

#### **Article 8. Chapters in good standing**

- Section A. All chapters pay dues by the dates set by this constitution in Article 7, Section B.
- Section B. No provisions of chapter constitutions are in conflict with the State and National Constitutions of the National FFA Association. Activities are in harmony with the aims and purposes of the State and National Organization.

**Article 9. Amendments**

- Section A. The constitution may be amended or changed at any time by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present at a regular or special meeting provided the changed or amendment is not in conflict with the State or National Constitution of the National FFA Organization.
- Section B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the association at any regular or special meeting by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present providing the by-laws are in no conflict with the State or National Constitution of the National FFA Organization.
- Section C. Amendments must be submitted 60 days prior to any regular or special meeting of the area delegated.
- Section D. Area IV Constitution must be approved every year by the Area IV delegate body.

**Article 10. Parliamentary Authority**

- Section A. The Association shall use Robert's Rules of Order as its official guide to parliamentary procedure.

**Article 11. State Officer Selection**

- Section A. Each candidate must submit the following:
1. An agreement sent out by the state office.
  2. A candidate biography.
  3. A copy of the leadership page from their State FFA Degree.
- Section B. The selection committee will consist of two current state officers and three advisors (not from Area IV). All will have voting power.
- Section C. The State Officer Scorecard must be followed by the committee.
- Section D. Each FFA Chapter may have only (1) candidate